



State Route 76 Middle

Melrose Drive to South Mission Road

FACT SHEET

GOALS

Relieve existing and future traffic congestion; improve motorist safety; and minimize environmental impacts

FUNDING

The estimated cost for the preferred alternative is \$244 million. Funding sources include the TransNet sales tax measure approved by San Diego County voters in 2004, gas tax revenues from the State Transportation Improvement Program, and federal and local funds. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2009.

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THE PROJECT

The current proposal is to develop a four-lane conventional highway that can accommodate widening to six lanes, from Melrose Drive in Oceanside to South Mission Road in Bonsall. SR-76 is known as Mission Avenue within the city of Oceanside and Mission Road within the unincorporated communities of Bonsall and Fallbrook. Caltrans identified the existing alternative as the preferred alternative in the November 2008 Final Environmental Document (see map on back). Time and money will be saved using the design sequencing process. It involves designing portions of the project as construction is underway on other portions.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

The widening and realigning of SR-76 will present numerous environmental concerns. Potential concerns include: impacts to existing and planned residential areas that would be subject to increased noise, neighborhood disruption and change of community character; potential business displacements; loss of biological resources including riparian habitat, wetlands, and endangered species; impacts to archaeological sites; floodplain encroachment; the taking of agricultural land; the use of Section 4(f) resources (public parks, recreation areas, wildlife and waterfowl refuges and historic sites eligible for the National Register of Historic Places); potential growth impacts; and visual impacts due to cuts, fills, and structures. Studies to determine the extent and severity of the impacts to these environmental resources began in Spring 2002.

TRAFFIC

The current traffic volume on SR-76 between Oceanside and South Mission Road is approximately 30,000 average daily trips. Planned growth will increase the traffic volume to more than 60,000 average daily trips by the year 2030. Rail transit is not planned for the corridor. The accident rate on SR-76 between Melrose Drive and Olive Hill Road meets or exceeds the statewide average compared to similar two-lane routes. The proposed build alternatives would reduce the potential for accidents in the future.



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